

Those Who Mourn

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Matthew 5:1-12 NASB

- 1 When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him.
- 2 He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,
- 3 "Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 4 "Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be comforted.
- 5 "Blessed are the **gentle**, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6 "Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be satisfied.
- 7 "Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8 "Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they shall see God.
- 9 "Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be called sons of God.
- 10 "Blessed are those who have been **persecuted** for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11 "Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.
- 12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:4 NASB

- 4 "Blessed are those who **MOURN** (*pentheō - to grieve, lament, wail*), for they shall be **COMFORTED**.

James 4:8-10 NASB

- 8 **CLEANSE YOUR HANDS, YOU SINNERS; AND PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, YOU DOUBLE-MINDED.**
- 9 **BE MISERABLE AND MOURN AND WEEP; LET YOUR LAUGHTER BE TURNED INTO MOURNING AND YOUR JOY TO GLOOM.**

Romans 7:24 NASB

- 24 **WRETCHED MAN THAT I AM! WHO WILL SET ME FREE FROM THE BODY OF THIS DEATH?**

Romans 8:22-23 NASB

- 22 **FOR WE KNOW THAT THE WHOLE CREATION GROANS AND SUFFERS THE PAINS OF CHILDBIRTH TOGETHER UNTIL NOW.**
- 23 **AND NOT ONLY THIS, BUT ALSO WE OURSELVES, HAVING THE FIRST FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT, EVEN WE OURSELVES GROAN WITHIN OURSELVES, WAITING EAGERLY FOR OUR ADOPTION AS SONS, THE REDEMPTION OF OUR BODY.**

WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE

Hebrews 9:27 NASB

- 27 And inasmuch as **IT IS APPOINTED FOR MEN TO DIE ONCE AND AFTER THIS COMES JUDGMENT.**

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 NASB

10 FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, SO THAT EACH ONE MAY BE RECOMPENSED FOR HIS DEEDS IN THE BODY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.
11 THEREFORE, KNOWING THE FEAR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN...

2 Corinthians 5:20 NASB

20 Therefore, we are **AMBASSADORS** (*presbeuō* - to speak and act on behalf of your country in a foreign country) **FOR CHRIST**, as though God were making an appeal through us; **WE BEG YOU ON BEHALF OF CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD.**

Romans 14:12 NASB

12 SO THEN EACH ONE OF US WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF TO GOD.

"Men will allow God to be everywhere but on his throne. They will allow him to be in his workshop to fashion worlds and make stars. They will allow Him to be in His almonry to dispense His alms and bestow his bounties. They will allow Him to sustain the earth and bear up the pillars thereof, or light the lamps of heaven, or rule the waves of the ever-moving ocean; but when God ascends His throne, His creatures then gnash their teeth. And we proclaim an enthroned God, and His right to do as He wills with His own, to dispose of His creatures as He thinks well, without consulting them in the matter; then it is that we are hissed and execrated, and then it is that men turn a deaf ear to us, for God on His throne is not the God they love. But it is God upon the throne that we love to preach. It is God upon His throne whom we trust." — [Charles H. Spurgeon](#)

Psalms 9:7-8 NASB

7 But the LORD abides forever; **HE HAS ESTABLISHED HIS THRONE FOR JUDGMENT,**
8 AND HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS; HE WILL EXECUTE JUDGMENT FOR THE PEOPLES WITH EQUITY.

Psalms 94:7-9 NASB

7 They have said, "**THE LORD DOES NOT SEE, NOR DOES THE GOD OF JACOB PAY HEED.**"
8 PAY HEED, YOU SENSELESS AMONG THE PEOPLE; AND WHEN WILL YOU UNDERSTAND, STUPID ONES?
9 HE WHO PLANTED THE EAR, DOES HE NOT HEAR? HE WHO FORMED THE EYE, DOES HE NOT SEE?

Psalms 10:11 NASB

11 He [the wicked] says to himself, "**GOD HAS FORGOTTEN; HE HAS HIDDEN HIS FACE; HE WILL NEVER SEE IT.**"

Jeremiah 16:17 NASB

17 FOR MY EYES ARE ON ALL THEIR WAYS; THEY ARE NOT HIDDEN FROM MY FACE, NOR IS THEIR INIQUITY CONCEALED FROM MY EYES.

Hebrews 4:13 NASB

13 AND THERE IS NO CREATURE HIDDEN FROM HIS SIGHT, BUT ALL THINGS ARE OPEN AND LAID BARE TO THE EYES OF HIM WITH WHOM WE HAVE TO DO.

Jeremiah 17:10 NASB

10 I, THE LORD, SEARCH THE HEART, I TEST THE MIND, EVEN TO GIVE TO EACH MAN ACCORDING TO HIS WAYS, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF HIS DEEDS.

Isaiah 40:23 NASB

23 HE IT IS WHO REDUCES RULERS TO NOTHING, WHO MAKES THE JUDGES OF THE EARTH MEANINGLESS.

"Six feet of dirt make all men equal." — [Charles H. Spurgeon](#)

Matthew 5:17-20 NASB

17 **DO NOT THINK THAT I CAME TO ABOLISH THE LAW OR THE PROPHETS; I DID NOT COME TO ABOLISH BUT TO FULFILL.**
18 **FOR TRULY I SAY TO YOU, UNTIL HEAVEN AND EARTH PASS AWAY, NOT THE SMALLEST LETTER OR STROKE SHALL PASS FROM THE LAW UNTIL ALL IS ACCOMPLISHED.**
19 **Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.**
20 **FOR I SAY TO YOU THAT UNLESS YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS SURPASSES THAT OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES, YOU WILL NOT ENTER THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.**

Romans 8:4 NASB

4 **SO THAT THE REQUIREMENT OF THE LAW MIGHT BE FULFILLED IN US, WHO DO NOT WALK ACCORDING TO THE FLESH BUT ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT.**

Psalms 96:13 NASB

13 **FOR HE IS COMING, FOR HE IS COMING TO JUDGE THE EARTH. HE WILL JUDGE THE WORLD IN RIGHTEOUSNESS AND THE PEOPLES IN HIS FAITHFULNESS.**

Zephaniah 3:8 NASB

8 **"THEREFORE WAIT FOR ME," DECLARES THE LORD, "FOR THE DAY WHEN I RISE UP AS A WITNESS. INDEED, MY DECISION IS TO GATHER NATIONS, TO ASSEMBLE KINGDOMS, TO POUR OUT ON THEM MY INDIGNATION, ALL MY BURNING ANGER; FOR ALL THE EARTH WILL BE DEVoured BY THE FIRE OF MY ZEAL.**

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 NASB

9 **THEREFORE WE ALSO HAVE AS OUR AMBITION, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABSENT, TO BE PLEASING TO HIM.**
10 **FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, SO THAT EACH ONE MAY BE RECOMPENSATED FOR HIS DEEDS IN THE BODY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.**
11 **THEREFORE, KNOWING THE FEAR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN, but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.**

Revelation 20:11-15 NASB

11 **THEN I SAW A GREAT WHITE THRONE AND HIM WHO SAT UPON IT, FROM WHOSE PRESENCE EARTH AND HEAVEN FLED AWAY, AND NO PLACE WAS FOUND FOR THEM.**
12 **AND I SAW THE DEAD, THE GREAT AND THE SMALL, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE, AND BOOKS WERE OPENED; AND ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED, WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE; AND THE DEAD WERE JUDGED FROM THE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEDS.**
13 **AND THE SEA GAVE UP THE DEAD WHICH WERE IN IT, AND DEATH AND HADES GAVE UP THE DEAD WHICH WERE IN THEM; AND THEY WERE JUDGED, EVERY ONE OF THEM ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEDS.**
14 **THEN DEATH AND HADES WERE THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH, THE LAKE OF FIRE.**
15 **AND IF ANYONE'S NAME WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, HE WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.**

WE ARE RESPONSIBLE

Isaiah 59:1-2 NASB

1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not so short that it cannot save; nor is His ear so dull that it cannot hear.

2 BUT YOUR INIQUITIES HAVE MADE A SEPARATION BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR GOD, AND YOUR SINS HAVE HIDDEN HIS FACE FROM YOU SO THAT HE DOES NOT HEAR.

Deuteronomy 4:23 NASB

23 So watch yourselves, that you do not forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the LORD your God has commanded you.

24 FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE, A JEALOUS GOD.

James 4:4 NASB

4 YOU ADULTERESSES, DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD IS HOSTILITY TOWARD GOD? THEREFORE WHOEVER WISHES TO BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD MAKES HIMSELF AN ENEMY OF GOD.

Isaiah 53:4-5 NASB

4 SURELY OUR GRIEFS HE HIMSELF BORE, AND OUR SORROWS HE CARRIED; YET WE OURSELVES ESTEEMED HIM STRICKEN, SMITTEN OF GOD, AND AFFLICTED.

5 BUT HE WAS PIERCED THROUGH FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS, HE WAS CRUSHED FOR OUR INIQUITIES; THE CHASTENING FOR OUR WELL-BEING FELL UPON HIM, AND BY HIS SCOURGING WE ARE HEALED.

"If Christ has died for me, I cannot trifle with the evil that killed my best Friend." — [Charles H. Spurgeon](#)

TRUE GODLY SORROW, BROKENNESS AND CONTRITION OVER SINS IS ONLY POSSIBLE BY ENCOUNTERING GOD'S PRESENCE AND HOLINESS

Job 1:1 NASB

1 There was a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job; and **THAT MAN WAS BLAMELESS, UPRIGHT, FEARING GOD AND TURNING AWAY FROM EVIL.**

Job 23:1-7 NASB

1 Then Job replied,

2 Even today my complaint is rebellion; His hand is heavy despite my groaning.

3 OH THAT I KNEW WHERE I MIGHT FIND HIM, THAT I MIGHT COME TO HIS SEAT!

4 I WOULD PRESENT MY CASE BEFORE HIM AND FILL MY MOUTH WITH ARGUMENTS.

5 I would learn the words which He would answer, and perceive what He would say to me.

6 WOULD HE CONTEND WITH ME BY THE GREATNESS OF HIS POWER? NO, SURELY HE WOULD PAY ATTENTION TO ME.

7 There the upright would reason with Him; and I would be delivered forever from my Judge.

Job 40:1-9 NASB

1 Then the LORD said to Job,

2 WILL THE FAULTFINDER CONTEND WITH THE ALMIGHTY? LET HIM WHO REPROVES GOD ANSWER IT.

3 Then Job answered the LORD and said,

4 BEHOLD, I AM INSIGNIFICANT; WHAT CAN I REPLY TO YOU? I LAY MY HAND ON MY MOUTH.

5 ONCE I HAVE SPOKEN, AND I WILL NOT ANSWER; EVEN TWICE, AND I WILL ADD NOTHING MORE.

6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm and said,

7 NOW GIRD UP YOUR LOINS LIKE A MAN; I WILL ASK YOU, AND YOU INSTRUCT ME.

8 WILL YOU REALLY ANNUL MY JUDGMENT? WILL YOU CONDEMN ME THAT YOU MAY BE JUSTIFIED?

9 OR DO YOU HAVE AN ARM LIKE GOD, AND CAN YOU THUNDER WITH A VOICE LIKE HIS?

Job 42:5-6 KJV

5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: **BUT NOW MINE EYE SEETH THEE.**

6 **WHEREFORE I ABHOR [MYSELF], AND REPENT IN DUST AND ASHES.**

MOURNING MUST PRECEDE REPENTANCE - REPENTANCE PRECEDES FORGIVENESS

James 4:8-10 NASB

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. **CLEANSE YOUR HANDS, YOU SINNERS; AND PURIFY YOUR HEARTS, YOU DOUBLE-MINDED.**

9 **BE MISERABLE AND MOURN AND WEEP; LET YOUR LAUGHTER BE TURNED INTO MOURNING AND YOUR JOY TO GLOOM.**

10 **HUMBLE YOURSELVES IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD, AND HE WILL EXALT YOU.**

Jeremiah 31:18-20 KJV

18 I HAVE SURELY HEARD EPHRAIM BEMOANING HIMSELF **THUS; THOU HAST CHASTISED ME, AND I WAS CHASTISED, AS A BULLOCK UNACCUSTOMED TO THE YOKE: TURN (*shuwb* - to return, turn back, bring back, restore) THOU ME, AND I SHALL BE TURNED (*shuwb* - to return, turn back, bring back, restore);** FOR THOU ART THE LORD MY GOD.

19 SURELY AFTER THAT I WAS TURNED (*shuwb* - to return, turn back, bring back, restore), **I REPENTED; AND AFTER THAT I WAS INSTRUCTED, I SMOTE UPON MY THIGH: I WAS ASHAMED, YEA, EVEN CONFOUNDED, BECAUSE I DID BEAR THE REPROACH OF MY YOUTH.**

20 Is Ephraim my dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 NASB

9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that **YOU WERE MADE SORROWFUL TO THE POINT OF REPENTANCE; FOR YOU WERE MADE SORROWFUL ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD,** so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

10 **FOR THE SORROW THAT IS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD PRODUCES A REPENTANCE WITHOUT REGRET, LEADING TO SALVATION, BUT THE SORROW OF THE WORLD PRODUCES DEATH.**

11 **FOR BEHOLD WHAT EARNESTNESS THIS VERY THING, THIS GODLY SORROW, HAS PRODUCED IN YOU: WHAT VINDICATION OF YOURSELVES, WHAT INDIGNATION, WHAT FEAR, WHAT LONGING, WHAT ZEAL, WHAT AVENGING OF WRONG! IN EVERYTHING YOU DEMONSTRATED YOURSELVES TO BE INNOCENT IN THE MATTER.**